

EAP 0495 (Intermediate ESL)

Tues/Wed/Thurs 9:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Our classroom is LA 113 on Tues/Thurs, LA 191 on Wed

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INSTRUCTOR



Melanie Paden ← Click my name to access my instructor page.

Hello and welcome to EAP 0495! I am looking forward to working with each of you as you move closer toward your academic and professional goals.

Contact me by email

Please email me through our MyCourses page.

However, if the course page is not working, email me at paden.melanie@spcollege.edu.

If the posted times do not work for you, email me so we can work out a good time to meet.

Visit me in my office

LA 127

727-791-2666

Monday 4-8pm; Tuesday 3-4pm; Wednesday 12-2pm;

Thursday 1:45-2:30pm; available online Friday 8am-1pm

Visit me in the Writing Studio

Inside the Clearwater campus library

727-791-5994

Monday 3-4pm and Tuesday 2-3pm

LEARNING RESOURCES

<http://spcollege.libguides.com/tutoring>
<https://www.facebook.com/SPCwritingstudio>

☺ *Completely FREE services* ☺

As an SPC student, you have access to all of these services at no cost.

Writing Workshops

www.spcollege.libguides.com/CLworkshops

These free workshops are open to any SPC student! They cover many topics, including grammar, comma usage, sentence structure, paragraph development, and essay structure. The first part is usually a short lesson, and the second half includes practice and discussion. The writing/grammar workshops are located in the Clearwater campus library. Check in at the reference desk to find out exact locations.

Tutoring

www.spcollege.libguides.com/CLschedule.

Sit down with a friendly tutor for **free** help with your class work. You can get help with writing and grammar in the Writing Studio inside the Clearwater campus library. You can also find help with math, science, and computer classes over in the Learning Support Commons in LA 100. The tutors are available Monday – Saturday. Check the [schedule](#) for details.

www.spcollege.edu/libraries

Do you need a book to help you improve your English reading skills? Would you like to listen to an audio version of a novel while you read along in English? Do you need some information for an essay and you don't know where to start? Find the research librarian at the reference desk in the Clearwater campus library! They are there to help you find the materials you need. You can check out books, movies, and other materials with your student ID. If you don't have a student ID, you can get one right there at the front desk in the Clearwater campus library.

Study spaces

The Clearwater campus library (LI building) and Learning Support Commons (also known as the LSC, located in LA 100) are great places to finish your assignments without the distractions that you might have at home. Stop by before, after, or between classes. There are tables, desks, and study rooms where you can work comfortably. Some areas are quiet while others are more interactive, so you are sure to find the right place for you. In addition, if you have questions while you work, the tutors or librarians are there to help you.

Computer labs with printers

You will find many computers available for you in the library or LSC. If you prefer a laptop, you can check one out from the front desk to use in the library. Printing and copying cost 10 cents for black/white and 50 cents for color. The scanner is available for free.

THIS COURSE (EAP 0495 - Intermediate ESL)

This course is designed to improve English language skills in reading, writing, grammar, and vocabulary. Throughout the semester, students will write academic paragraphs and essays, develop academic reading abilities using texts on contemporary topics as well as a short novel, and use intermediate-level grammatical structures with increased confidence and accuracy. Group interaction, critical thinking skills, and appreciation of cultural differences are incorporated into the instructional techniques. 137 contact hours. (NOTE: Credit for EAP 0495 cannot be used toward graduation.) Prerequisite: EAP 0395 or an appropriate score on the standardized placement test

By successfully completing this course, you will achieve the following major learning outcomes:

1. You will learn the techniques and the importance of pre-reading skills.
2. You will engage in repeated readings of texts for comprehension and oral production.
3. You will learn to use specific context clues to assist in comprehending reading material.
4. You will develop academic reading abilities, including texts on contemporary and literary topics with an emphasis on extensive reading and the enhancement of critical reading skills.
5. You will develop vocabulary-building skills to increase vocabulary through reading.
6. You will use intermediate-level grammatical structures appropriate to classroom discussion, oral presentation and the writing of more sophisticated academic paragraphs with an emphasis on increased accuracy.
7. You will demonstrate improvement in basic sentence construction.
8. You will demonstrate the ability to write more sophisticated, structured academic paragraphs in various rhetorical modes and execute other academic writing tasks.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

COMPUTER

You must have access to a computer with internet connection and speakers. You must be able to regularly access our course page to view assignments, submit work, and communicate with the instructor. Sign in with your student number and password at angel.spcollege.edu.

Computers are available in SPC's Learning Support Commons and the library. Therefore, "I had computer problems" is not a valid excuse for not completing assignments. Call (727) 341-4357 for technical help. You may also visit the library or Learning Support Commons in LA 100 for assistance.

BOOKS

You must have the three required textbooks the first week of class. Please buy NEW textbooks if possible. The best place to buy your books is at the SPC bookstore on the Clearwater campus. If you choose to buy your books online, please order them early enough so that you have them the second Monday of the semester (August 25).

1. ***Understanding and Using English Grammar*** by Betty Azar & Stacy Hagan, 4th Edition. Pearson Longman. ISBN: 978-0-13233331-3
2. ***Introduction to Academic Writing (Level 3)*** by Alice Oshima & Anne Hogue. Pearson Longman. ISBN: 0-13-193395-7
3. ***Active Skills for Reading 3*** by Neil J. Anderson, 3rd Edition. Cengage. ISBN: 9781133308065

You will also read a short novel, but you don't have to buy it. (More information will be given in class).

IMPORTANT DATES

Course dates	8/18 - 12/11/2014
Final exams	12/8 - 12/11/2014
Deadline to drop	8/22/2014
"W" Withdrawal date*	10/23/2014
Grades due	12/13/2014

No classes on...

Labor Day	9/1/2014
College Day	10/22/2014
Veteran's Day	11/11/2014
Thanksgiving	11/26-11/30/2014

***FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS:** If you withdraw from the college anytime on or before the dates of your session, you may have to repay financial aid funds. See [financial aid withdraw deadlines](#).

PARTICIPATION & ATTENDANCE

In order to succeed in this course, you must attend class, arrive on time, participate in class activities, be present for quizzes and discussions, devote time at home for homework, and submit work when it is due. In other words, you must actively participate in class. For this class, you show evidence of your active participation by **grades** and **attendance**.

For **grades**, you must maintain a course average above 70%. If your grade is below 70% at the "W" withdrawal date, I will contact you to set up a meeting to discuss steps you must take in order to continue in the course.

I will take **attendance** every day. Please email me before class to let me know if you must be absent. You will be responsible for turning in all of your work on time and getting any notes or assignments you miss that day. Late assignments will not be accepted unless arrangements are made beforehand. If you do not contact me and get permission to make up the missed work, you will receive a grade of zero on that work. If you miss **more than three classes** before the "W" withdrawal date (see "Important Dates" section above), we must set a time to meet and talk about your progress. If you do not meet with me, you must withdraw from the class before the "W" withdrawal date. If you do not withdraw yourself, you will be dropped from the class and receive a "WF." If you miss **more than four classes** by the end of the semester, we must set a time to meet to discuss your progress. If you refuse to meet, you will receive an "F" for the course.

If you have an unexpected emergency that causes you to miss more than 4 classes, you must contact the Associate Provost's office. The Associate Provost's office will contact the instructor, and an exception to the course attendance policy can be made. Clearwater Campus Associate Provost: Mr. Matt Bowen; Office: AD 105; Telephone: (727) 791-2492.

The college-wide attendance policy is included in the Syllabus Addendum
<http://www.spcollege.edu/central/asa/addendum.htm>

PUNCTUALITY

Please arrive to class on time. If you arrive more than 5 minutes late, you will be "tardy." If you arrive more than 30 minutes late, you will be counted "double tardy." Each tardy counts for 1/3 of an absence. Each double tardy counts for 1/2 of an absence. The same is true for leaving class early.

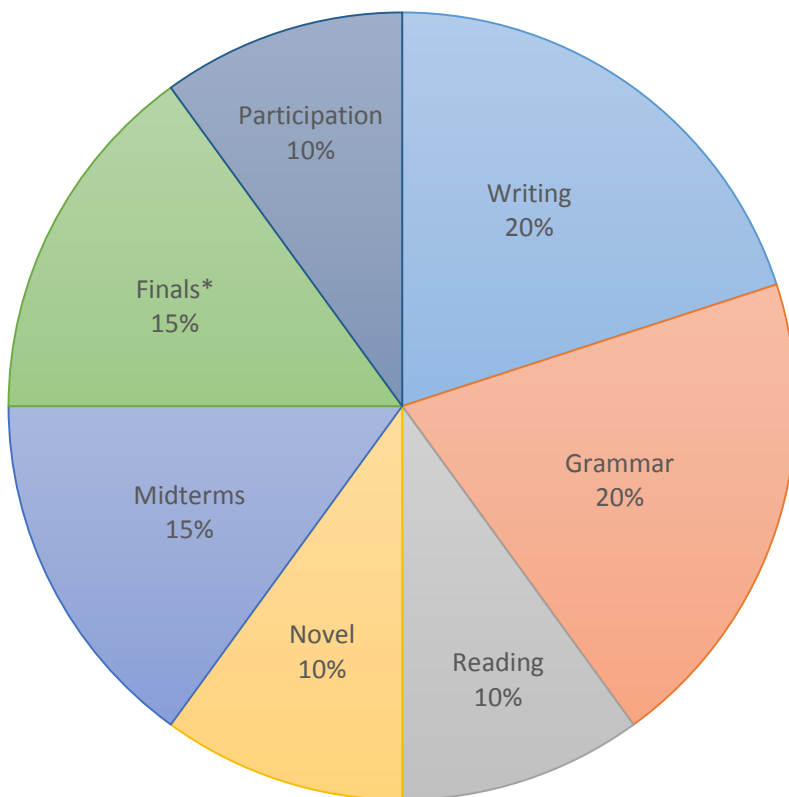
***If you have special circumstances that cause you to be absent, late, or miss assignments, please come see me during my office hours or email me. I want to work with you to overcome any difficulties, so you can succeed in the course! ***

EXPECTATIONS

I expect you to be present, prepared, and ready to participate; to encourage a scholarly and friendly learning environment; to treat everyone in the classroom with respect; to communicate your questions and concerns to me; and to do your best work in order to succeed in the course.

For my part, I will work hard to help you learn and succeed. You can expect me to be prepared, organized, and available. You can also expect me to be fair and consistent in my grading policies and to give you timely feedback to help you recognize your weaknesses and build on your strengths. Finally, you can expect me to treat you with respect.

GRADING



90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
0 – 69%	F
withdraw	W
withdraw & fail	WF

***In order to pass this course, you must have at least a 70% average AND pass the final writing exam.**

EAP COURSE PLAN

Listening & Speaking

0200 Basic

0300 Intermediate I

0400 Intermediate II

1500 Advanced

Reading/Writing/Grammar

0295 Basic I

0395 Basic II

0495 Intermediate

1595 Advanced I

1695 Advanced I

STUDENT SURVEY OF INSTRUCTION

The student survey of instruction is a survey in which you will be able to share your feedback about this course. It is administered at the end of each semester. It is designed to improve the quality of instruction at St. Petersburg College. All student responses are confidential and anonymous and will be used solely for the purpose of performance improvement.

ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT

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ADDENDUM

See the syllabus addendum for more information about college policies:

<http://www.spcollege.edu/central/asa/addendum.htm>